

Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park CONNECTION

Community Newsletter 2010

The Following organizations focus on improving the quality of life in your community:

Florence-Firestone Chamber of Commerce

The Florence-Firestone Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses led by professional men and women working together to promote the growth and development of business in the community as well as the advancement, protection, health, happiness, and prosperity of the people in the Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. For more information, please call (323) 589-4222 or visit the Website at www.florencefirestonechamber.org.

Florence-Firestone Community Leaders

The Florence-Firestone Community Leaders works in partnership with the County of Los Angeles to address quality of life issues such as code enforcement, economic development, and traffic safety in Florence-Firestone. Get involved! For more information, please call (213) 974-1151 or (213) 974-1197.

Your Opinion is Important!

Let us know what you think about the Community Connection. Fill out an online survey at lacounty.gov

Click on **Residents**, then click on the **Unincorporated Area** link to access the Community Connection Survey site.

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Enriching Lives

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Gloria Molina
Supervisor, First District

Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor, Second District

Dear Community Member,

The County of Los Angeles would like to express its sincere gratitude to all of you who have worked hard throughout the years to make Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park better communities. Your strong traditions and family values are qualities that make these communities unique. Although there are challenges, you can always depend on the resources that the County provides in order to solve your issues and concerns. There will be notable changes and improvement projects that will benefit all the residents in the future. You may have already noticed these improvements in fact as the new Florence-Firestone Community Service Center nears completion and in the Florence Avenue Streetscape, which is about 50% completed. The primary goal of the County is to improve the quality of life in its communities.

The County will continue to work with community partners towards the common goal of making the future of Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park better and brighter for our children and for all those who reside in these communities.

Please enjoy the **Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Connection** and save this guide as a handy reference. Your input is welcomed. If you have any comments and suggestions regarding the **Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park Connection**, please forward them to:

County of Los Angeles- Chief Executive Office

Office of Unincorporated Area Services, 723 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
or e-mail your comments to: uas@ceo.lacounty.gov

Living in Unincorporated Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park

As a resident of Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park, you are served by either the First or the Second Supervisorial Districts. The map of your communities is included in the center of this guide for your reference.



The Florence-Firestone Community Service Center: *Grand Re-Opening*

After undergoing major renovations, the Florence-Firestone Community Service Center is scheduled to re-open its doors in early 2010. The Florence-Firestone Community Service Center located at 7807 South Compton Avenue, was built in 1975 to operate as a model "Neighborhood Service Center".

This beautiful two-story brick building will include Field Offices for the Board of Supervisors in order to enhance services to the community. The newly refurbished Center will also contain a new lounge, computer lab, and recreation room meant to give the public and specifically seniors a place to meet and enjoy educational and recreational activities. The new fitness room will have state-of-the-art physical fitness equipment such as treadmills, stationary bicycles, and a freeweight station, among others. A special addition to the Center will be a beautiful art piece obtained through the Los Angeles County Arts Commission that will be prominently displayed at the entrance to the building.

The Center will once again be a congregate meal site for seniors to have lunch and socialize with others. The Center will also welcome back the Registrar Recorders' satellite office that will continue to provide birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, and weddings ceremonies. In addition, the Department of Consumer Affairs will provide

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLORENCE FIRESTONE SERVICE CENTER



consumer education resources. These are but a few of the many services that will be available at the Center.

You may access the following services at the Firestone Activity Center located at 7901 S. Compton Avenue during reconstruction:

Consumer Affairs: The Florence/Firestone Branch Office is available to provide assistance Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

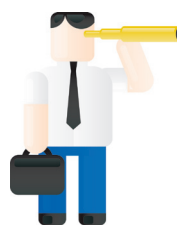
For information please call (800) 593-8222 or for after hours call (800) 973-3370.

Florence Avenue Streetscape: Project Update

Major improvements to Florence Avenue are continuing. The streetscape enhancement project extends from Central Avenue on the west all the way to Mountain View Avenue on the east. Improvements include street resurfacing, new sidewalks, tree-lined streets, and attractive street medians. Work from Central Avenue to Graham Avenue is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2009. Future streetscape improvements will include community archways, monuments, and wrought-iron banners proudly announcing the Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park neighborhoods to commuters and passers-by.



Florence-Firestone Vision Plan - Now Available!



The Florence-Firestone Visioning Project headed by the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning has been completed! The project produced a long-term vision for the community based on public workshops and stakeholder interviews with community leaders, business owners and County staff. Three public workshops took place in early 2009, with an average of 70 participants in attendance per workshop and produced a vision plan document with photo simulations. The Department of Regional Planning has also obtained a grant through the Southern California Association of Governments to help fund a more in-depth Community Plan for Florence-Firestone. For more information, please contact Ms. Pat Hachiya or Mr. Steven Jareb at (213) 974-6453 or access a copy of the Vision Plan via the Department's Website at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/ffvp>.

A New Neighborhood Park is Coming to Florence-Firestone!

The park will be located on the northeast corner of the intersection of East Gage Avenue and Converse Avenue in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone. The new park will include landscaping, lighted pedestrian paths, storm water treatment features, benches and playground equipment for children. It is estimated that the project will be completed by early 2010.



Play for Life! Encourages Activity and Use of L.A. County Parks Facilities

The Department of Parks and Recreation's *Play for Life!* campaign encourages youth, teens, families, seniors and everyone in between to be active, be healthy and to do so at one of the 144 Los Angeles County Parks facilities. The campaign is sponsored by the County's Quality and Productivity Commission and features real people who use Park recreational facilities. The campaign's core message is to be healthy, reduce stress, live well and *Play for Life!*

Be on the lookout for the *Play for Life!* light pole pennants on Compton Avenue between Nadeau Street and Firestone Boulevard and then *Play for Life!*

Help Create A Better Future for Florence-Firestone: Join the Count!

A Complete Count Committee (CCC) is a volunteer committee established by tribal, state and local governments, and community leaders or organizations to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2010 Census. CCCs are the local "census ambassador" groups that play an integral part in the 2010 Census and help to ensure that the residents in the communities they represent are more accurately counted. The Federal government uses this count to help determine the distribution of more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds. The money will help finance educational and school lunch programs, medical centers, emergency services, transportation and other needs in your community.

Success of the Census depends on community involvement at every level. If you are interested in volunteering for the CCC for Florence-Firestone, please contact

Efren Martinez, Executive Director of Florence-Firestone Chamber of Commerce at (323) 589-4222. Mr. Martinez may also be reached via e-mail at efren@florencefirestone-chamber.org.

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Drew Adult Summer Basketball League at Washington Park



In Summer 2009, the Drew Adult Summer Basketball League began its 36th season for the first time at Washington Park. The Drew Adult Summer Basketball League has been rated the top Summer league on the West Coast by Slam Magazine and ESPN. The League also boasts notable alumni such as NBA players Baron Davis of the LA Clippers, former Laker Trevor Ariza, Boston Celtic's Paul Pierce and Gabe Pruitt and Nick Young of the Washington Wizards. Many student athletes who have participated in the League have gone on to receive University scholarships.

The League is also a place where NBA referees come to enhance their skills, including Violet Palmer, the only female official in the NBA. In July 2009, over 15 teens participated in a one-day NBA Officials camp at Washington Park. In addition, Florence-Firestone youth were treated to a free Basketball Clinic on August 29, 2009.

Washington Park also provides the opportunity for youth to participate weekly as Team Managers for designated teams. The Community loves this program. They get a chance to see high level games here for free and the kids get to interact with the players.

For more information on these and future League activities, please call Washington Park at (323) 586-7205.

A Commitment to Excellence – For Those Who Go Above and Beyond

In Praise of “Dino” Smiley, Washington Park

“Often times we hear about unsung heroes that have touched the life of individuals due to spontaneous events or over the course of a popular campaign, but Oris “Dino” Smiley has managed over decades to remain selfless and has worked tirelessly to build a better and safer community, hoping to afford our youth a brighter and more productive future. Dino personifies dedicated community service and an unwavering commitment to community development.....”

Inspired Parent / Los Angeles, CA

National Night Out 2009 – A Celebration of Community!

On August 4, 2009, over 400 participants from the community celebrated the annual National Night Out at the Sheriff’s Youth Activity League located at 7901 Compton Avenue. Participants enjoyed food, music, and exhibits.

With representation from various County departments and support from the Florence-Firestone Community Leaders, Florence-Firestone Chamber of Commerce, neighborhood block watch organizations, local institutional leaders, clergy and youth leaders, and local officials, the event was a huge success! Get involved!

Don’t miss National Night Out 2010!

Come Join the Fun! Roosevelt Park Board Club

The vision of the Roosevelt Park Board Club is to inspire community youth and teens by providing positive opportunities in different forms of boarding. Youth involved in this program learn to skateboard, wakeboard, snowboard and surf. Walnut Nature Park is also a part of this program.

This low-cost program allows participants to visit places like Mountain High to snowboard; Huntington Beach to surf; and Marina del Rey to wakeboard.

In addition, four County parks, including Roosevelt Park, Walnut Nature Park, Belvedere Park and Bassett Park, come together for a monthly “Expression Session” These sessions give participants an opportunity to “rip the park”, meaning share their skateboarding skills.

Currently, Roosevelt and Walnut Park have 50 Board Club members. The Board Club meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the skate park. The annual fee is \$10.00 per member. For more information, please call the Roosevelt Park office at (323) 586-7201.



The Future is in Your Hands... Six Reasons to Fill Out Your 2010 Census Questionnaire

- 1. Helps Build Prosperity In Your Community** – Census data can help define strategies to make necessary public improvements in your community.
- 2. Help in a Time of Need** – Many emergency services linked to 911 are structured based on maps developed with the data from the previous Census. Census information also helps health providers predict how disease is spread through communities between members of the population, and when natural tragedies like earthquakes occur, the Census indicates to rescue teams how many people may need aid.
- 3. Puts Government to Work for You** - It’s a great way to let your leaders know who you are and what you need. The numbers are used to help determine the distribution of more than \$400 billion in federal and state funds. The money will help finance educational and school lunch programs, medical centers, emergency services, transportation and other needs in your community.
- 4. Reduces Risk for Businesses** – Census numbers help reduce financial risks and allow the identification of potential markets so that business can produce the products that you want and need.
- 5. It Will Help You and Your Family** – The individual data stays confidential for 72 years, but you can request a certificate of past censuses to use as verification of your age, residence, or kinship. This information can help you apply for a pension, establish citizenship or to obtain an inheritance.
- 6. It’s Easy** – The 2010 Census will have one of the shortest Census questionnaires since the process began in the United States in 1790. The questionnaire now has only ten questions that will take approximately ten minutes to complete.

REMEMBER: all personal information collected by the Census is protected by law and strictly confidential!



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

<http://parks.lacounty.gov>

↑ MARY M. BETHUNE PARK

1244 E. 61st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90001
Telephone: (323) 846-1895

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Staff Hours:

Monday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Program and event fees, dates and times are subject to change.
*Where indicated, programs are year-round. In addition, programs are **FREE** unless otherwise noted.

Youth Recreation Programs

Kids in Sports Baseball/Softball/Tee ball

June 2010 through September 2010 5 - 15 years
Mondays & Tuesdays (Practice) 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesdays & Thursdays (Games) 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays (Games) 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$30 for ages 5 to 15 years

Skate Park* All Ages
Monday through Thursday 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday through Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Snack Program* 1 - 18 years
Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Summer Lunch Program* 1-18 years
July 2010 through August 2010 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

Teen Club* 13 - 17 years
Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Adult Recreation Programs

Aerobics 18 years and up
Monday through Thursday 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10 per month

Neighborhood Watch Block Club* 18 years and up
2nd Tuesday of each month 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Parenting Class* All Ages
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Summer Swim Program* All Ages
Summer 2010
Monday through Sunday 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Senior Recreation Programs

Senior Meals and Activities 55 years and up
Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$1.25 per lunch

Special Events

Easter Program* 2 - 12 years
April 2010 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Halloween Program* All Ages
Saturday, October 30, 2010 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Program* All Ages
November 2010 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Program* All Ages
Saturday, December 18, 2010 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

↑ FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT PARK

7600 Graham Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001

Senior Center: (323) 586-7217
Recreation Office: (323) 586-7201
Sports Office: (323) 586-7188
Pool Office: (323) 586-7203
Maintenance Office: (323) 586-7202

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Staff Hours:

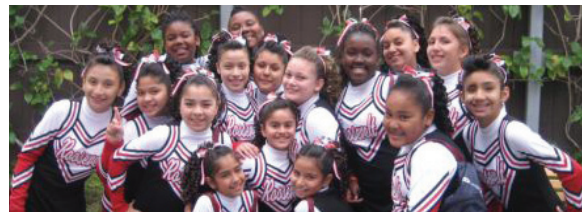
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Youth Recreation Programs

After School Enrichment Program 6 - 12 years
Monday through Friday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(School Calendar)

Basketball League 5 - 16 years
June 2010 through September 2010 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Saturday
Fee: \$60 per player



Cheerleading and Hip-Hop Team
August 2010 through April 2011

Computer Club* 6 - 12 years
Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Pee-Wee Cheer 6 - 10 years
Monday and Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Fee: \$45 plus cost of uniform

▲ FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT PARK CONTINUED

Junior Cheer

Mondays and Wednesdays 11 - 15 years
 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Fee: \$45 plus cost of uniform

Self Defense and Safety Awareness

Saturdays 5 - 15 years
 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
 Fee: \$5 per class

Snack Program*

Monday through Friday 1 - 18 years
 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Soccer League

Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays 5 - 15 years
 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$25.00 per player / per season

Summer Day Camp

July 5, 2010 through Aug. 27, 2010 6 - 12 years
 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays
 Fee: \$20 per week (not including field trips)

Teen Club*

Fridays 12 - 17 years
 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Youth Baseball League

March 2010 through June 2010 5 - 15 years
 Hours: TBA
 Dates: Games on Saturdays
 Fee: \$60 per player

Adult Recreation Programs

Aerobics and Fitness

Monday through Thursday 18 years and up
 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$25 per month

Azteca Dance Group*

Tuesdays and Thursdays 18 years and up
 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Open Gym*

Monday through Friday All ages
 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Sundays 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Open Volleyball*

Sundays 18 years and up
 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Soccer Tournaments

Nov. 2010 through March 2011 18 years and up
 Saturdays and Sundays
 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Fee: \$350 per team

Softball

January 2010 through May 2010 18 years and up
 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Sundays
 Fee: \$300 per team

Senior Recreation Programs

Aerobics*

Monday through Thursday 55 years and up
 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Bingo*

Monday through Friday 55 years and up
 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Fee: 25 cents per card

Craft Class*

Wednesdays 55 years and up
 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Live Band and Dancing*

Last Tuesday of each month 55 years and up
 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 and Holiday parties

Senior Walking Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays 55 years and up
 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Monthly Blood Pressure and Sugar Level Testing

Dates and Times: TBA 55 years and up

Monthly Field Trips

For more information, please call the park office. 55 years and up

Senior Breakfast*

Monday through Friday 55 years and up
 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
 Breakfast is provided by the Old-timers Foundation.

Senior Lunch Meals*

Monday through Friday 55 years and up
 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Lunch is provided by the Old-Timers Foundation.

Special Events

Black History Month Celebration

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2010 All ages
 5:00 p.m.

Cesar Chavez Activity Week

Date: March 22 through 26, 2010 6 - 12 years
 3:00 p.m.

Easter Extravaganza Event

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010 5 - 12 years
 11:00 a.m.

Animal Vaccination

Date: May 2010 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 Fee: TBA

Celebration of Independence

Date: Sept. 15 through Sept. 18, 2010 6 - 12 years
 3:00 p.m.

Lights on Afterschool

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2010 6 - 12 years
 5:30 p.m.

Halloween Activities/Event

Date: Friday, October 29, 2010 6 - 12 years
 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

Date: Saturday, November 20, 2010 All ages
 11:00 a.m.

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Christmas in the Park

All ages

Date: Saturday, December 18, 2010 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

🌲 FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT SWIMMING POOL

Pool Office:

(323) 586-7203

Swimming Pool Staff Hours:

Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Aquatic programs are offered year-round. Program hours listed below are for the fall schedule (September through December) and hours are subject to change in the winter months (December through March). Please call the pool office for complete pool operating schedules and program information.

Aqua Therapy

Participants must meet 5 foot height requirement or pool water must be at participants chest level. All aquatic exercises are low impact.

Monday through Friday 11:45 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
Fee: \$8 per 4 week session

Competitive Youth Sports Programs

7- 17 years

Monday through Friday 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Junior Lifeguard Program

9 – 16 years

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Fee : \$30 per 5 week session

Recreational Swimming

Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday 12:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

The American Red Cross guidelines recommend that infant/ preschool age children (6 months up to 6 years) remain in the water for a period of no more than 30 minutes with frequent breaks.

Skin Diving Program

10 to 17 years

Monday through Friday 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee : \$10 per 2 week session

Swim Lessons (Length of lessons will vary)

September 2010 through December 2010

Monday through Friday 3:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Synchronized Swimming Team
(Seasonal/Year Round)

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Water Polo Team

(Seasonal/Year Round)

6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

🌲 WALNUT NATURE PARK

2642 East Olive Street

Walnut Park, CA 90255

Telephone:

(323) 586-7260

Alternate Phone Number:

(323) 586-7217

(Roosevelt Park)

Staff Hours:

October 15, 2009 through April 19, 2010:

Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Holidays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beginning April 19, 2010 through October 15, 2010:

Monday through Friday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Holidays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Program and event fees, dates and times are subject to change.
*Where indicated, programs are year-round. In addition, programs are **FREE** unless otherwise noted.

Youth Recreation Programs

Baseball Clinic

6 – 12 years

Dates: Summer of 2010

5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Fee: \$20 per 6 week session

Capers Programs

7 – 17 years

Saturdays starting March, 2010

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$25 plus cost of uniform

Cheerleading

7 – 15 years

Saturdays starting July 2010

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35 plus cost of uniform

Flag Football Clinic

6 – 12 years

Dates: August 2010

5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Fee: \$20 per 6 week session

Fun Club*

6 – 12 years

Saturdays

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Soccer Clinic

6 – 12 years

Dates: September 2009

5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Fee: \$20 per 6 week session

See Ted Watkins

Teen Club*

12 – 17 years

Fridays

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(Summer months at Walnut Park/
Winter months at Roosevelt Park)

📍 WALNUT NATURE PARK CONTINUED

Special Events

Easter Extravaganza Event	5 - 12 years
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010	2:00 p.m.
Cinco de Mayo Celebration	All Ages
Saturday, May 1, 2010	11:30 a.m.
Halloween Extravaganza	All Ages
Saturday, October 30, 2010	11:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot	6 - 12 years
Saturday, November 20, 2010	2:00 p.m.
Christmas in the Park	6 - 12 years
Saturday, December 18, 2010	2:00 p.m.

📍 COLONEL LEON H. WASHINGTON PARK

8908 S. Maie Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90002
Telephone: (323) 586-7205
Fax: (323) 587-4099

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Staff Hours:
Monday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Program and event fees, dates and times are subject to change.
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Youth Recreation Programs

Flag Football	6 - 14 years
Wednesdays and Fridays	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Starts Spring 2010	
Summer Lunch Program	1 - 18 years
July 2010 through August 2010	
Monday through Friday	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Summer Youth Club	6 - 12 years
July 2010 to August 2010	
Monday through Friday	11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Teen Club*	13 - 17 years
Saturdays	12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tennis*	5 - 17 years
July 2010 to December 2010	
Tuesdays and Thursdays	4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Adult and Family Recreation Programs

Adult Basketball	40 years and up
October 2010 through January 2011	
Saturdays	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$200 per team	

Computer Lab*	All Ages
Monday through Friday	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Family Fitness Program*	All Ages
Tuesdays and Thursdays	5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Karate Class*	All Ages
Mondays and Wednesdays	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: Please contact the park office for details.	

Special Events

Easter Program	All Ages
April 2010	11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Haunted Halloween	All Ages
Saturday, October 30, 2010	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Dinner for Homeless	All Ages
December 2009 and 2010	11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

📍 TED WATKINS MEMORIAL PARK

1335 E. 103rd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90002
Telephone: (323) 357-3032

Park Hours: Sunrise to Sunset
Staff Hours:
Monday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Youth Recreation Programs

AAFSCTA/NJTL Youth Tennis Program	5 - 17 years
January 2010 through May 2010	
Tuesdays and Thursdays	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$7 per person	
After School Program*	5 - 12 years
Monday through Friday	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
CSI Camp	13 - 17 years
July 2009 through August 2010	
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$20 per person	
Drill Team Practice*	All Ages
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Indoor Tennis*	5 - 17 years
Tuesdays and Fridays	3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Kid's n Sports Baseball/Softball/Tee ball	5 - 15 years
June 2010 through September 2010	
Wed., Thurs. and Sat.	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fee: \$20 for ages 5 to 7 years	
Fee: \$30 for ages 8 to 15 years	

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FLORENCE LIBRARY

1610 E. Florence Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 581-8028

Cindy Singer, Acting Community Library Manager

Sundays and Holidays	Closed
Mondays	11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Wednesdays	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

GRAHAM LIBRARY

1900 E. Firestone Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 582-2903

Cindy Singer, Community Library Manager

Sundays and Holidays	Closed
Mondays and Tuesdays	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesdays and Thursdays	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Fridays and Saturdays	11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The libraries have many resources available: Books, audio books, videos and DVDs, CDs, magazines and newspapers. Materials are available in English and Spanish. Public computers provide free Internet access. The library catalog and indexes to newspaper and magazine articles are online. A wide range of online databases include information on genealogy, consumer health issues, and skillbuilding/test preparation/practice exams. There are coin-operated copy machines. Library staff will help customers find materials.

Both of your local libraries offer special services for children and teens! Please call for more information.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>

Downey Shelter

11258 S. Garfield Avenue
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 940-6898
(24 Hour Call Center Line)



Mobile Spay and Neuter and Microchip Clinics

Beginning in May 2009, the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control partnered with several mobile veterinary clinics to offer residents in Florence-Firestone a convenient way to alter their dogs. Free identification microchips and vaccinations were also included. Several hundred residents have already taken advantage of low-cost spay or neutering for their pets and future mobile clinics are being planned for 2010.

A Spay/Neuter Voucher Program is available to assist pet owners with the cost of surgery. Residents may apply for Spay/Neuter Vouchers, microchips, and vaccinations at upcoming mobile clinics by calling (562) 256-7104. Spay and Neuter Program staff are available to assist residents Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING <http://planning.lacounty.gov>

Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance

Federal and State fair housing laws were created to eliminate discrimination against certain groups, including persons with disabilities, who are seeking housing. These laws require local governments to consider exceptions to certain zoning standards, if those standards act as a barrier to housing opportunities. A common example of an exception, or a reasonable accommodation, is to allow a person with a mobility impairment to install a wheelchair ramp in a yard area that is otherwise required to be free of any structures. The Department of Regional Planning is currently developing a streamlined procedure that will allow persons with disabilities to request reasonable accommodations. For more information, please call (213) 974-6425 or visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/housing/initiatives>

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS <http://dpw.lacounty.gov>

Request Graffiti Removal

To report neighborhood graffiti and request removal, please call (800) 675-HELP. A graffiti removal request may also be submitted online with the option to upload photos and check the removal status. To report graffiti, go to <http://ladpw.org/go/graffiti>.

Report Illegal Dumping

To report illegal dumping into the County's storm drain system, call (888) CLEAN-LA (24 hours per day). To report dumping on a County road or alley, please call (562) 869-1176.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

<http://dpss.lacounty.gov/>

Florence District Office- 17

1740 E. Gage Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001

(323) 586-7218

Participant Help Line (323) 586-7299

Programs Offered: CalWORKs, Food Stamps, Medi-Cal

Los Angeles County Funds Arbor Education and Training to Establish a Satellite WorkSource Center in the Florence-Firestone Area

Florence-Firestone Employment Resource Center
1816 Firestone Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 583-9655

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Services provided at no charge include:

- Youth Employment Services
- Information on Local Jobs
- On the Job Training
- Short-Term Vocational Training
- Job Search Services including our phone, fax, copiers and computers

Come Visit! All Services are Free!

HOMELESS SERVICES

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Shelter Hotline

Phone: 1-800-548-6047

TDD: 1-800-660-4026

(For the deaf and hearing disabled)

www.lahsa.org



Year Round Shelter Program

Selected community non-profit homeless service providers will provide temporary nightly shelter to homeless persons in Los Angeles County. As space may be limited, those in need of emergency shelter should contact the programs listed below to determine the best way to gain admittance into the shelter. Unless otherwise indicated, those in need of emergency shelter may access the programs listed below by going directly to one of the listed pick-up points for free transportation or by going to the shelter location. Most shelters will open at approximately 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call 1-800-548-6047.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES

<http://css.lacounty.gov>



Los Angeles County Care Giver Program

In response to the many demands and pressures that may face family caregivers who are caring for loved ones with disabling health conditions, the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging (LACAAA) has launched an outreach campaign to inform caregivers of available support services to assist them with education and training, coping skills to relieve depression, and respite services to relieve stress and deterioration of the caregivers' own health status.

The program is called the National Family Caregiver Program. A Caregiver is an adult family member (18 years of age or older) who provides assistance, without pay, to someone who is in some degree, incapacitated and needs help; or, a Grandparent, step-grandparent, or other relative (age 55 and older) identified as the primary caregiver of a young child.

The National Family Caregiver Program provides the following services:

- Respite (a break for the caregiver from the daily responsibilities of caregiving).
- Support Groups.
- Counseling Services (ranging from guidance with the responsibilities of the caregiving role to therapy for stress and depression).
- Training (Self-care skills to reduce stress).
- Information about available resources.
- Assistance in gaining access to services.

The National Family Caregiver Outreach Campaign is a partnership with community agencies currently contracted with the County to provide family caregiver services. To obtain information about how to receive these services, call 800-510-2020. Also visit the Community and Senior Services website at <http://css.lacounty.gov>.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

<http://dhs.lacounty.gov>

Healthcare Facilities

The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services serves as a major provider of health care for the more than 2 million County residents without health insurance and provides the majority of all uncompensated medical care in the County. DHS operates hospitals and health centers in your area that provide a range of medical services. Primary care services are also provided at Public/Private Partnership (PPP) clinic sites. Health Services also operates the Community Health Plan (CHP), which provides access to low-cost, quality medical care services for low-income residents. For information on how to qualify for CHP, call toll free 1-800-475-5550.

See the At-A-Glance Directory on page 14 for numbers to local healthcare facilities.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

<http://ph.lacounty.gov>

Cover Your Cough

Flu prevention is a concern, particularly after the outbreak of new influenza H1N1 ("swine flu") last spring. Although most cases of H1N1 in the United States have been mild to moderate, regular seasonal flu is responsible for as many as 1,000 deaths in Los Angeles County each year. The seasonal flu tends to be most dangerous to the very young or elderly, or those with immune system deficiencies. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health urges all County residents to take the proper precautions when the weather turns cold and the flu season ramps up once again.

To keep yourself safe, follow these flu-prevention tips:

- Wash your hands often to help protect yourself and others against germs. When soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based disposable hand wash or gel sanitizers.
- When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve, not your hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home and away from other people as much as possible to protect them from getting sick as well. Get plenty of rest and check with your doctor.
- Get an annual flu shot.

Get more information, visit us online at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov>. If you need help finding medical care, please call the Los Angeles County information line at 2-1-1.

PUBLIC SAFETY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

<http://lasd.org>

Century Station

11703 Alameda Street, Lynwood, CA 90262
(323) 586-4800

Firestone Activity Center (Youth Activity League)

7901 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001
(323) 586-7250

The Century Station provides law enforcement services to the Florence-Firestone and Walnut Park communities. The sworn and professional staff pride themselves on their outstanding work ethic and consider personal and professional integrity the foundation of their approach to community service. Deputies actively strive to solve community problems and address quality of life concerns by developing partnerships with the communities they serve.

The following services are provided by Century Station:

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Activities League

Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives (VIDA)

Sheriff's Explorers

Sheriff's Leadership Academy

OTHER SERVICES

Century Station Clergy Council

Century Station Neighborhood Watch Program

Civilian Volunteer Program

Community Advisory Committee

For more information about services provide through the Century Station, please call (323) 586-4800.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

<http://fire.lacounty.gov>

Fire Station 16

8010 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90001

(323) 585-5002

Fire Station 164

6301 S. Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255

(323) 589-1350

Fire Station 165

3255 Saturn Avenue, Huntington Park, CA 90255

(323) 589-1311

Parent Fire Safety Checklist

1. Install smoke detectors on every level of your home. Replace batteries at least twice a year. If bedroom doors are kept closed at night, a detector should also be installed in each bedroom.
2. Prepare a home exit plan. There should be two exits from each room which means one exit could be a window. You may need to purchase chain ladders which would enable your family to exit from a second story window without injury. Such supplies are carried in local hardware and home improvement stores.

3. At least twice a year, practice a home exit drill with your family.

Make sure your children know to:

- Tell a grown-up if they see smoke or flames
- Get out of the house when they hear the smoke detector
- Know the two ways (emergency exits) to exit each room
- Decide on a "safe meeting place" outside the home to account for all persons
- Use a neighbor's phone to call 9-1-1
- **NEVER** go back into a burning building

Safely Surrendered Baby Law Program

The Safely Surrendered Baby Law Program allows a parent or anyone with lawful custody to surrender a newborn child (72 hours or younger) to any firefighter on duty at any fire station, or to any hospital staff at a hospital in Los Angeles County. The purpose of the law is to protect newborns from being hurt or killed because they were abandoned. As long as the baby has not been abused or neglected, the person may surrender the baby without fear of arrest or prosecution for child abandonment.

For more information, visit www.babysafela.org or call **1-877- BABY-SAFE**.

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

County of Los Angeles Website:

www.lacounty.gov

2-1-1 (24-Hour Information and Referral Service) **2-1-1**

Air Quality Concerns

Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures:

<http://acwm.lacounty.gov>

Bee Complaints

Coyote Threats

Fruit or Plant Transportation Into
or Out Of Los Angeles County

Gasoline Station Consumer Complaints

Packaged Goods Inspection
(short weight, count, measure, etc.)

Pest Control Information/Services

Pest or Insect Identification

Pesticide Misuse or Illness Investigations

Plant Disease Information

Recycling Scale Complaints/Investigations
(aluminum cans, etc.)

Rubbish Removal

Scale Inspections/Consumer Complaints
(markets, delis, etc.)

(800) 288-7664

(626) 575-5472

(800) 925-3800

(626) 575-5462

(562) 940-7803

(800) 665-2900

(800) 665-2900

(626) 575-5462

(562) 940-7234

(626) 575-5466

(562) 940-7236

(800) 665-2900

(626) 575-5484

(800) 665-2900

Scanner Overcharge Complaints/
Investigations

(800) 665-2900

Substandard Produce/Egg Complaints

(562) 940-7803

Utility Meter (gas, water, electric)

(800) 665-2900

Inspections /Complaints

Weed and Brush Abatement

(626) 575-5484

Weed Control Information/Services

(626) 575-5462

Animal Care and Control:

(562) 940-6898

<http://animalcare.lacounty.gov>

Assessor: <http://assessor.lacounty.gov>

Property Tax Information

(213) 974-3211

Board of Supervisors:

<http://bos.lacounty.gov>

General Information

(213) 974-1411

First District Field Office

(323) 881-4601

Second District Field Office

(323) 586-6523

Children Services

Adoptions/Foster Care: <http://lacdcfs.org>

(888) 811-1121

Child Abuse Hotline

(800) 540-4000

Child Care Hotline/CalWorks

(877) CHILD-99

The Children's Collective, Inc.

(323) 583-1588

Child Support Services: <http://cssd.lacounty.gov> **(323) 890-9800**

Los Angeles Universal Pre-School	(866) 675-5400	H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Center	(213) 744-3945
Mexican-American Opportunity Foundation Head Start/Pre-School	(323) 584-1250	Hubert Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center	(323) 846-4312
Community Development Commission: www.lacdc.org		King/Harbor Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center	(310) 668-4321
Home Improvement Grants and Loans	(323) 890-7239	Ruth Temple Health Center	(323) 730-3576
Home Ownership Program	(323) 890-7281	South Public Health Center	(323) 563-4053
Community and Senior Services: http://css.lacounty.gov		Homeless Services	
Adult Protective Services	(213) 351-5401	General Information	(213) 683-3333
Area Agency on Aging	(213) 738-4004	Emergency Shelter	(800) 339-6993
Elder Abuse Hotline	(877) 477-3646	Libraries: http://www.colapublib.org	
Florence-Firestone Service Center	(323) 586-6502	Florence Library	(323) 581-8028
Consumer Concerns		Graham Library	(323) 582-2903
Complaints-Utility Meters and Scales	(562) 940-8911	Parks: http://parks.lacounty.gov	
Consumer Affairs: http://dca.lacounty.gov	(800) 593-8222	Bethune Park	(323) 846-1895
Florence-Firestone Satellite Office	(323) 586-6508	Roosevelt Park	(323) 586-7228
Scanner Overcharge	(562) 940-8911	Roosevelt Park Pool	(323) 586-7203
Crisis Intervention		Walnut Nature Park	(323) 586-7260
2-1-1 (24-Hour Information and Referral Service)	2-1-1	Washington Park	(323) 586-7205
Domestic Violence Hotline	(800) 978-3600	Watkins Memorial Park	(323) 357-3032
Environmental Health: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh		Watkins Pool	(323) 357-3034
24-Hour Hotline	(888) 700-9995	Public Safety	
Food Vending on Street	(626) 430-5500	Emergencies	9-1-1
Housing Complaints	(213) 351-5085	Fire Department-public information:	(323) 881-2411
Insect/Vector (rats, mice) Control	(626) 430-5450	http://fire.lacounty.gov	
Recreational Program Inspections (pools, spas)	(626) 430-5360	Fire Station 164 (Walnut Park)	(323) 589-1350
Retail Food Inspections (Restaurants)	(626) 430-5200	Fire Station 165 (Walnut Park)	(323) 589-1311
Employment		Fire Station 16 (Florence-Firestone)	(323) 585-5002
County of Los Angeles 24-Hour Job Hotline	(800) 970-5478	County Police Dispatch (parks):	(800) 834-0064
Hub Cities Consortium WorkSource Center	(323) 586-4700	http://police.lacounty.gov	
Los Angeles Urban League WorkSource Business and Career Center	(323) 600-1106	Sheriff's Century Station (24 Hours):	(323) 568-4800
Garbage/Waste Collection		http://lasd.org	
Allied Waste Services	(888) 742-5234	California High Patrol (CHP)	
Hazardous Waste/Recycling	(888) CLEANLA	CHP Non-Emergency (24 Hours)	(323) 906-3434
Hazardous Waste/Spills	(800) 303-0003	CHP Torrance Office (Monday-Friday) 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	(310) 516-3355
Graffiti Abatement		Traffic Accidents	9-1-1
Graffiti Removal Request	(800) 675-4357	Public Social Services: http://dpss.lacounty.gov	
Caltrans-Freeway Walls and Signs	(213) 897-3656	Florence District 17 Office	(323) 586-7257
Health Centers: http://dhs.lacounty.gov		Public Works: http://dpw.lacounty.gov	
Community Health Plan	(800) 475-5550	Abandoned Shopping Carts	(800) 252-4613
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center	(310) 222-2345	Building and Safety	(323) 586-6541
		Railroad Right-of-ways	(626) 458-3935
		Road Maintenance	(562) 869-1176

Sewer Maintenance	(800) 675-4357
Sidewalks, Curbs, and Gutters	(323) 582-7848
Street Light Maintenance (Edison)	(800) 611-1911
Street Light Requests	(626) 300-4726
Tree Maintenance	(562) 869-1176
Traffic Safety (investigations)	(626) 300-4708
Traffic Signal Maintenance-24-Hr Hotline	(800) 675-4357
Emergencies for all Public Works	(800) 675-4357

Regional Planning: <http://planning.lacounty.gov>

General Information	(213) 974-6411
Code Enforcement	(213) 974-6453 or dial 2-1-1

Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk:

<http://lavote.net>

Real Estate Recording	(562) 462-2125
Registrar of Voters	(562) 466-1310

Treasurer-Tax Collector:

<http://ttc.lacounty.gov>

Business Licenses	(213) 974-2011
Payment Assistance for Seniors or the Disabled	(213) 974-7222
Payment Assistance for Military Personnel	(888) 807-2111
Voluntary Third Party Notification	(888) 807-2111

Utilities

Golden State Water (Florence-Firestone residents)	(909) 624-4618
Southern California Edison Emergency Line	(800) 655-4555 (800) 611-1911
Southern California Gas Company Residential Customers	(800) 427-2200
Commercial Customers	(800) 427-2000
Self-Service Option	(800) 772-5050
Time Warner Cable	(888) 892-2253
Walnut Park Mutual Water Company	(323) 585-7321

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Chambers of Commerce

Florence Firestone Chamber of Commerce	(323) 589-4222
Walnut Park Merchants Association	(323) 583-1341

Schools

Los Angeles Unified School District 7	(323) 242-1300
Drew Middle School	(323) 583-6961
Edison Middle School	(323) 587-5108
Graham Elementary School	(323) 583-1263
McKinley Elementary School	(323) 582-7841
Miramonte Elementary School	(323) 583-1257
Parmelee Elementary School	(323) 587-4235
Russell Elementary School	(323) 582-7247
Los Angeles Unified School District 6	(323) 278-3900
Florence Avenue Elementary School	(323) 582-0758
Liberty Elementary School	(323) 583-4196
Lillian Elementary School	(323) 582-0705
South Gate High School	(323) 567-2333
Walnut Park Elementary School	(323) 588-3145

Green Dot Public Schools

Animo Pat Brown Charter High School	(323) 585-3312
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Transportation

Commuter Action Network	(800) 266-6883
Dial-A-Ride (Disabled and Age 60+)	(323) 563-5653
Access Services	(800) 827-0829
Metro Bus and Rail Info.	(800) 266-6883



You can dial 2-1-1 to access information for emergency food and shelter, senior services, childcare, employment resources, report code enforcement problems, low-cost health care, alcohol and drug-related support, volunteer opportunities, and many other services. As a resident of the unincorporated area of Florence-Firestone/Walnut Park, you can just simply dial 2-1-1 to access an array of municipal services, at no cost to you. The 2-1-1 information service is provided in many languages.

2-1-1 is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The information you provide to the resource advisors is confidential. NOTE: In case of an emergency, you still must dial 9-1-1. If you are unable to access 2-1-1 directly, please call (800) 339-6993 or visit the 211 LA County website at www.211LA.org.

